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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO RECOMMEND
THAT THE SURVIVORS OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH BE HONORED FOR
THEIR DEVOTION TO DUTY BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND
PRESENTED WITH THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

WHEREAS, the members of the 200th coast artillery regiment
of the New Mexico national guard were among the first American
forces to engage the Japanese imperial army during the invasion
of the Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, they were force-marched sixty-five miles in the
infamous "Bataan Death March"; and

WHEREAS, they were held as prisoners of war and
transported to Japan, Manchuria and other locations, and most
of them were used as slave labor and denied proper nutrition
and medical care; and

